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This amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2006.

Claims 30-35, 39-40, 45-48 and 51-52 are pending. Claims 1-29, 36-38, 41-44, 49-50 and 53-54 have been canceled. Claims 30-35, 39-40, 45-48 and 51-52 have been amended.

In the Office Action the Examiner objected to claims 30, 31, 35, 40, 45, 46, 51 and 52 for depending from a rejected base claim but indicated that these claims were directed to allowable subject matter. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected claims 42 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 52 and 54 which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 have been canceled making the §112 rejection moot.

In the office action the rejected claims 29, 32-34, 43, 44, 47 and 48 under 35 USC §102(b). Of these claims, claims 32-34 and 47-48 have been amended to depend from a claim which has been indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter. The remaining claims rejected under §102, i.e., claims 29, and 43-44 have been canceled.

All the now pending independent claims have been indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

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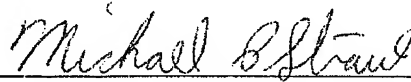
The dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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